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| | | A METHOD FOR |) | 20231, on |
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| | | DESCRIPTION OF A |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 8:

Related Application

This application claims priority to and incorporates by reference, in its entirety, co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/237,549, titled "A DESIGN APPARATUS AND A METHOD FOR GENERATING AN IMPLEMENTABLE DESCRIPTION OF A DIGITAL SYSTEM", filed January 26, 1999, which in turn claims priority to U.S. Application No. 09/041,985, titled "DESIGN APPARATUS AND A METHOD FOR GENERATING AN IMPLEMENTABLE DESCRIPTION OF A DIGITAL SYSTEM", filed January 26, 1999, which in

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